

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 6 to 8, 26 to 39, 41 to 43 and 45 to 58 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter.

Please amend the claims as follows. The claims, as currently pending in the application, read as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A ~~multifunctional~~ communication apparatus, comprising:
  - a communication unit, adapted to transmit data to a designated destination;
  - a management ~~means for managing~~ unit, adapted to manage ID information determined for each user and address location information associated with the ID information, wherein the address location information indicates a location that stores address information for designating the destination to transmit the data by said communication unit;
  - an input ~~means~~ unit with which the user inputs the ID information; and
  - an obtaining ~~means for specifying~~ unit, adapted to specify the address location information managed by said the management means using unit based on the inputted ID information, ~~communicating~~ communicate with an external apparatus via a network predetermined communication medium on the basis of based on the address location information, and ~~obtaining communication~~ obtain the address information residing at the external apparatus corresponding to the ~~an address~~ location specified by the address location information,

wherein said communication unit transmits the data to the destination designated from the address information obtained by said obtaining unit.

2. (Currently Amended) A ~~multifunctional~~ communication apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising~~[[:]]~~ a display ~~means for displaying~~ unit adapted to display the ~~communication~~ address information obtained by the obtaining means.

3. (Currently Amended) A ~~multifunctional~~ communication apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the display ~~means~~ unit separately displays address communication information possessed by the ~~multifunctional~~ communication apparatus in advance from the beginning and the ~~communication~~ address information obtained from the external apparatus.

4. (Currently Amended) A ~~multifunctional~~ communication apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the display ~~means~~ unit displays ~~communication~~ address information possessed by the ~~multifunctional~~ communication apparatus in advance from the beginning and the ~~communication~~ address information obtained from the external apparatus at the same time by combining the possessed ~~communication~~ address information and the obtained ~~communication~~ address information.

5. (Currently Amended) A ~~multifunctional~~ communication apparatus according to claim 2, further comprising~~[[:]]~~ a selection ~~means for selecting~~ unit adapted to

select a desired ~~communication~~ destination candidate from the ~~communication~~ address information displayed by the display ~~means~~ unit.

6. to 8. (Cancelled).

9. (Currently Amended) A ~~multifunctional~~ communication apparatus according to claim ~~[[8]]~~ 1, wherein the address information is address information converted by the external apparatus into a data format that is usable at the ~~multifunctional~~ communication apparatus.

10. (Currently Amended) A ~~multifunctional~~ communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the ~~communication~~ address information is data written in an XML language.

11. (Currently Amended) A ~~multifunctional~~ communication apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising~~[[:]]~~ an authentication ~~means for authenticating~~ unit adapted to authenticate the user based on the ID information inputted ~~with~~ by the input ~~means~~ unit and the information managed by the management ~~means~~ unit.

12. (Currently Amended) A ~~multifunctional~~ communication apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising~~[[:]]~~ a control ~~means for controlling~~ unit adapted to control the obtaining ~~means~~ unit and the management ~~means~~ unit,

wherein ~~when~~ in a case where the ID information is inputted with the input ~~means unit~~, the control ~~means unit~~ judges whether or not it is required to obtain the ~~communication address~~ information based on the basis of a predetermined condition.

13. (Currently Amended) A ~~multifunctional~~ communication apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the predetermined condition is timing information that determines intervals between operations for obtaining the ~~communication address~~ information.

14. (Currently Amended) A ~~multifunctional~~ communication apparatus according to claim 13, wherein it is possible to define the timing information for each user managed by the management ~~means unit~~.

15. (Currently Amended) A ~~multifunctional~~ apparatus according to claim 12, further comprising~~[[:]]~~ an update ~~means for~~ adapted to forcibly obtaining the ~~communication address~~ information even in a case where the obtaining ~~means unit~~ is controlled by the control ~~means unit~~ based on the basis of the predetermined condition so as not to obtain the ~~communication address~~ information even if the ID information is inputted.

16. (Currently Amended) A ~~multifunctional~~ communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the management ~~means unit~~ manages the ID information and the address location information by utilizing a nonvolatile storage medium.

17. Currently Amended) A ~~multifunctional~~ communication apparatus capable of communicating with an external apparatus via a ~~predetermined communication medium network~~, comprising:

a communication unit adapted to transmit data to a designated destination;

~~a management means for managing communication unit adapted to manage~~  
address information concerning the external apparatus for designating the destination to  
transmit the data by said communication unit;

~~a reception means for receiving unit, adapted to receive, from the external~~  
~~apparatus via the network, a request to obtain the communication address information~~  
~~managed by the management means unit; and~~

~~a transfer means for transferring unit adapted to transfer the communication~~  
~~address information to the external apparatus, which has requested the communication~~  
~~address information, based on the basis of the request.~~

18. (Currently Amended) A ~~multifunctional~~ communication apparatus according to claim 17, further comprising~~[[:]]~~ a data conversion unit, adapted to convert,  
based on means for converting, on the basis of the request received by the reception means  
unit, the communication address information managed by the management means unit into  
a data format usable at the external apparatus.

19. (Currently Amended) A ~~multifunctional~~ communication apparatus according to claim 18, wherein the ~~communication address~~ information obtained as a result of the conversion by the data conversion ~~means unit~~ is data written in an XML language.

20. (Currently Amended) A ~~multifunctional~~ communication apparatus according to claim 17, wherein the transfer ~~means~~ unit transfers the ~~communication~~ address information using a ~~predetermined communication~~ an HTTP protocol.

21. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus capable of communicating with a ~~multifunctional~~ communication apparatus via a ~~predetermined communication medium~~ network, comprising:

a management ~~means for managing~~ communication unit, adapted to manage address information ~~concerning used by the~~ multifunctional communication apparatus in a case where the communication apparatus transmits data to a designated destination;

a reception ~~means for receiving~~ unit, adapted to receive, from the ~~multifunctional~~ communication apparatus, a request to obtain the ~~communication~~ address information managed by the management ~~means~~ unit; and

a transfer ~~means for transferring~~ unit, adapted to transfer the ~~communication~~ address information to the ~~multifunctional~~ communication apparatus, which has requested the ~~communication~~ address information, based on ~~the basis of~~ the request.

22. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus according to claim 21, further comprising~~[[:]]~~ a data conversion ~~means for converting~~ unit, adapted to convert, based on the ~~basis of the~~ request received by the reception ~~means~~ unit, the ~~communication~~ address information managed by the management ~~means~~ unit into a data format that is usable at the ~~multifunctional~~ communication apparatus.

23. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus according to claim 22, wherein the ~~communication~~ address information obtained as a result of the conversion by the data conversion ~~means~~ unit is data written in an XML language.

24. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus according to claim 21, wherein the transfer ~~means~~ unit transfers the ~~communication~~ address information using a ~~predetermined communication~~ an HTTP protocol.

25. (Currently Amended) A ~~data-processing~~ communication method, comprising the steps of:

a communication step of transmitting data to a designated destination;

a management step for of managing ID information determined for each user and address location information associated with the ID information, wherein the address location information indicates a location that stores address information for designating the destination to transmit the data by the communication step;

an input step in which the user inputs the ID information; and

an obtaining step for of specifying the address location information managed in the management step ~~using the~~ based on the inputted ID information, communicating with an external apparatus via a ~~predetermined communication medium network~~ based on the ~~basis of the~~ address location information, and obtaining the address communication information residing at the external apparatus corresponding to the ~~an~~ address location specified by the address location information,

wherein the communication step transmits the data to the destination designated from the address information obtained by the obtaining step.

26. to 39. (Cancelled).

40. (Currently Amended) A ~~data processing~~ communication method for ~~one of a multifunctional communication apparatus and an information processing apparatus which are~~ capable of communicating with an external apparatus via a ~~predetermined communication medium network~~, the method comprising:

a communication step of transmitting data to a designated destination;

a management step ~~for~~ of managing ~~communication~~ address information ~~concerning the external apparatus for designating the destination to transmit the data by the~~ communication step;

a reception step ~~for~~ of receiving, from the external apparatus via the network, a request to obtain the ~~communication~~ address information managed in the management step; and

a transfer step ~~for~~ of transferring the ~~communication~~ address information to the external apparatus, which has requested the ~~communication~~ address information, based on the ~~basis of the~~ request.

41. to 43. (Cancelled).



44. (Currently Amended) A control program executable by a multifunctional communication apparatus, the program comprising the steps of:  
a communication step of transmitting data to a designated destination;  
a management step for of managing ID information determined for each user and address location information associated with the ID information, wherein the address location information indicates a location that stores address information for designating the destination to transmit the data by the communication step;  
an input step in which the user inputs the ID information; and  
an obtaining step for of specifying the address location information managed in the management step using based on the inputted ID information, communicating with an external apparatus via a ~~predetermined communication medium network~~ based on the basis of the address location information, and obtaining ~~communication~~ the address information residing at ~~an address~~ the external apparatus corresponding to the location specified by the address location information, wherein the communication step transmits the data to the destination designated from the address information obtained by the obtaining step.

45. to 58. (Cancelled).

59. (Currently Amended) A control program executable by ~~one of~~ a multifunctional communication apparatus and an information processing apparatus that are capable of communicating with an external apparatus via a ~~predetermined communication medium network~~, the program ~~product~~ comprising the steps of:

a communication step of transmitting data to a designated destination;

a management step ~~for~~ of managing ~~communication address~~ information ~~concerning the external apparatus for designating the destination to transmit the data by the~~ communication step;

a reception step ~~for~~ of receiving, from the external apparatus via the network, a request to obtain the ~~communication address~~ information managed in the management step; and

a transfer step ~~for~~ of transferring the ~~communication address~~ information to the external apparatus, which has requested the ~~communication address~~ information, based on the basis of the request.

60. (Currently Amended) A control program according to claim 59, further comprising~~[[:]]~~ a data conversion step ~~for~~ of converting, based on the basis of the request received in the ~~reception~~ receiving step, the ~~communication address~~ information managed in the management step into a data format that is usable at the external apparatus.

61. (Currently Amended) A control program according to claim 60, wherein the ~~communication address~~ information obtained as a result of the conversion in the data conversion step is data written in an XML language.

62. (Currently Amended) A control program according to claim 59, wherein in the transfer step, the ~~communication address~~ information is transferred using a ~~predetermined communication~~ an HTTP protocol.

63. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable recording medium storing ~~the control program according to claim 44~~ a control program executable by a communication apparatus, the program comprising the steps of:

- a communication step of transmitting data to a designated destination;
- a management step of managing ID information determined for each user and address location information associated with the ID information, wherein the address location information indicates a location that stores address information for designating the destination to transmit the data by the communication step;
- an input step in which the user inputs the ID information; and
- an obtaining step of specifying the address location information managed in the management step based on the input ID information, communicating with an external apparatus via a network based on the address location information, and obtaining the address information residing at the external apparatus corresponding to the location specified by the address location information,

wherein the communication step transmits the data to the destination designated from the address information obtained by the obtaining step.

64. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable recording medium storing ~~the control program according to claim 59~~ a control program executable by a communication apparatus capable of communicating with an external apparatus via a network, the program comprising the steps of:

- a communication step of transmitting data to a designated destination;

a management step of managing address information for designating the destination to transmit the data by the communication step;

a reception step of receiving, from the external apparatus via the network, a request to obtain the address information managed in the management step; and

a transfer step of transferring the address information to the external apparatus, which has requested the address information, based on the request.